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C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4354

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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: PROPOSED BRIEFING MISSION BY REPS OF
PRETORIA FIVE TO WINDHOEK

REF: PRETORIA 4258

1. PRETORIA FIVE MET BRIEFLY THIS AFTERNOON, JULY 28, TO
DISCUSS STATE OF PLAY IN WAKE OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION ON
NAMIBIA. AMONG MATTERS DISCUSSED WAS THE PROBLEM OF INCOMPLETE
AND INACCURATE INFORMATION REACHING THE NAMIBIANS, WHOSE
PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS SABC. ONE IMPORTANT
EXAMPLE OF THE PROBLEM IS THE MISINFORMATION WALVIS BAY TO
WHICH THE DTA REACTED IN ITS MESSAGE THREE DAYS AGO TO THE
FIVE (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR, THE
NAMIBIA GERMAN INTEREST GROUP, INTERRESSENGEMEINSCHAFT, HAS THE
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SAME MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE WALVIS BAY ISSUE.

2. THE PRETORIA FIVE AGREED IT WOULD BE WELL TO SEND
REPRESENTATIVES TO WINDHOEK TO BRIEF INTERESTED PARTIES AND
SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT AS HAD BEEN DONE ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS
OCCASIONS BY THE FIVE. IT WAS ALSO AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE
PREFERABLE TO LIMIT THE MISSION TO TWO OR THREE REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE FIVE (ONE POSSIBILITY WOULD BE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR, MYSELF, AND BRITISH MINISTER SUMMERHAYES) AND THAT THE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE UNSR. PRESENTATIONS IN WINDHOEK WOULD BE BASED ESSENTIALLY ON THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL (USUN 3037).

3. WOULD APPRECIATE VIEWS OF CONTACT GROUP AND, IF THEY AND CAPITALS CONCUR IN SUCH BRIEFING MISSION TO WINDHOEK, ANY GUIDANCE CG AND APITALS MAY WISH TO PROVIDE.
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